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SUBJ: MBFR: SUMMARY OF INFORMAL SESSION WITH EASTERN
REPRESENTATIVES OF MARCH 2, 1978

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN THE MARCH 2, 1978 INFORMAL SESSION
OF THE VIENNA TALKS, THE ALLIES WERE REPRESENTED BY THE GELGIAN,
FRG AND US REPS, AND THE EAST BY SOVIET REPS TARASOV AND
SHUSTOV, GDR REP OESER AND POLISH REP STRULAK.

2. EASTERN REPS MADE TWO GENERAL STATEMENTS ASKING THE WEST:
(A) WHETHER WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OTHER THAN US INTENDED
TO PARTICIPATE IN REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS; (B) WHETHER THE US
WAS READY TO UNDERTAKE EQUIVALENT OBLIGATIONS WITH THE USSR
CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS IN THE FIRST STAGE ABOVE
AND BEYOND THE TWO TYPES OF MEANS OF NUCLEAR DELIVERY WHOSE
WITHDRAWAL HAD BEEN PROPOSED IN DECEMBER 1975. THEY ALSO ASKED
(A) ON WHAT BASIS DID WESTERN REPS WANT TO REDUCE THE FORCES
OF DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OTHER THAN THE US AND USSR UNDER THE
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WESTERN COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING APPROACH; (B) WHOULD THIS RE-
DUCTION BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF DISBANDING INDIVIDUAL LARGE
FORMATIONS AND UNITS OR WAS THE INDIVIDUAL METHOD TO BE APPLIED
HERE ALSO; AND (C) DID THE INDIVIDUAL REDUCTION APPROACH MEAN
REDUCTION OF INDIVIDUAL MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM DIFFERENT
COMBAT UNITS, OR WOULD THIS REDUCTION BE MADE FROM COMBAT
SUPPORT AND SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS AND SUBUNITS? WHAT DID THE

WEST MEAN IN SAYING IT WOULD REDUCE BY SUBUNITS--WHAT WAS
A SUBUNIT? WOULD THESE SUBUNITS BE DRAWN FROM COMBAT UNITS
OR FROM COMBAT SUPPORT AND SERVICE UNITS?

3. WESTERN REPS MADE A GENERAL STATEMENT POINTING OUT THE NEED
FOR AGREEMENT ON DATA AND PRESENTING RATIONALE FOR WESTERN STATE-
MENTS THAT THE EAST HAD NOT CHANGED THE OUTCOME OF ITS PROPOSALS
SINCE ITS ORIGINAL NOVEMBER 1973 PROPOSALS.

4. WITH REGARD TO STATEMENTS TO PRECEDE DATA EXCHANGE,
WESTERN REPS SUGGESTED A MINOR CHANGE IN SECTION 4 TO MAKE
CLEARER WESTERN AGREEMENT WITH THE PRECEDING SECTION 3.
TARASOV PROPOSED A NEW SENTENCE TO REPLACE THE PRESENT
FIRST SENTENCE OF SECTION 2 AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE WESTERN
PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO EXCHANGE DATA ON THE BASIS OF THE JUST-
CITED PROPOSALS OF THE WARSAW TREATY DIRECT PARTICIPANT
STATES OF OCTOBER 25, 1977 UNDER THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING
UNQUOTE. TARASOV STATED THAT THE EAST WOULD AGREE TO INCLUDE
THE WEST'S NO-PREJUDICE SENTENCE IN SECTION 4. HOWEVER,
UNDER THE NEW FORMULA, THE MENTION OF THE EAST'S OCTOBER 25
PROPOSALS IN SECTION 3 SHOULD BE RETAINED.

5. WESTERN REPS CLOSELY QUESTIONED TARASOV AS TO THE USE OF
THE TERM QUOTE ON THE BASIS OF UNQUOTE. THEY ASKED WHETHER
THIS PHRASE WAS INTENDED TO AFFECT FUTURE DATA EXCHANGE.
IN REPLY, TARASOV STATED THAT THE ENTIRE FORMULA HE HAD JUST
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PROPOSED HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH WHETHER OR NOT THERE WOULD
BE FUTURE DATA EXCHANGE. END SUMMARYRESOR

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